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NON-INVASIVE DETERMINATION OF
CONDITIONS IN THE CIRCULATORY
SYSTEM OF A SUBJECT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to computing the filing fee in this application, kindly amend the above identified application, as follows. The filing fee is to be computed on the amended claims.

In the Claims:

Claim 6 has been amended as follows:

sub 6. (amended) The method according to claim 1 further including the step of using the value obtained in step (i) to determine the functional cardiac output (FCO) of the subject using a non-differential form of the Fick equation.

Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

7. (amended) The method according to claim 1 further defined as including the steps of:

determining further values for the amount of CO₂ released from the circulatory system of the subject (VCO₂) and for the quantity indicative of the end capillary blood CO₂ content for breathing of the subject in the first breathing condition; and

using the value provided by the extrapolation of the regression line in step